**Deputy Director’s Report**

**BCSLD Board Meeting, 5.11.21**

* **Texas Book Festival Grant Reading Program Update—**
  + The TBF Reading Program closed on March 31. We had 12 people join the program. Participants read 44 titles for a total of 10,669 pages. Most of these titles were also reviewed by participants.
  + Because we had a relatively low number of participants who reached the 600-page goal, I asked the 6 who did to provide a list of 3 to 4 books they would like the library to purchase on their behalf instead of 1.
  + 20 books were added to the Library collection by way of selection by participants who reached the 600-page goal.
  + I award two grand prizes because there were two exceptional participants who read much more than the 1200-page goal, one more than double that amount, another more than triple. I purchased one gift card from Josie’s Kitchen and one gift card from Redbud Café.
  + TBF Reading Program Budget Breakdown:
    - EnagedPatrons.org (free);
    - 20 Books for Library ($349.58)
    - Josie’s Kitchen Gift Card ($75.00)
    - Redbud Café Gift Card ($75.00)
    - Total Spent ($499.58)
    - Budget Balance ($0.42) [rollover]
* **When the Library Is Open to the Public:** I continue to work the desk on the days that we are open to the public. Since we reopened on June 19:
  + There have been 106 days of being open for 4 hours; for a total of 421.5 hours   
    (includes -2.5 hours due to the early closing on 11/5).
  + The door count total is 3,808.
  + On average, we have had 35.92 people per day, or 9.03 people per hour.
  + These numbers are similar to the averages we have had but are slightly lower overall than the averages through March, which were 36.37 people per day, or 9.15 people per hour.
* **Deputy Director’s Additional Collection Development:** In January, the Board approved a budget of $2,500 for the Deputy Director to purchase books for the Library’s collection. Between January 23 and April 28, I spent $1,703.07 and acquired 90 new books for the Library.
* **Nonfiction Stacks:** I have been shifting the nonfiction books to create more room for the collection, and I will also be weeding this section to make room for new books. This should make the nonfiction stacks more appealing and easier to browse for our patrons.
* **April Statistics**: I posted the April statistics to the shared drive.